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**From:** Peterson, Mary  
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**Subject:** RE: Call Follow Up

Rita,

Thank you for the additional information regarding the Riverpoint West project. We appreciated the updates you provided during our recent call. It certainly sounds like redevelopment activity has picked up east of Dico, and that interest in the Dico property remains high.

As you know, EPA is generally supportive of redevelopment of the Dico property as long as protective remedies remain in place over the long term. Our primary interest and obligation is to protect human health and the environment from the contamination that remains at the Dico property.

You have previously indicated a willingness to facilitate a meeting between the US, Dico, and interested developers to explore options for settlement and transfer of the property to a new owner. Due to ongoing litigation between the US and Dico, the Department of Justice (DOJ) will need to participate in any settlement discussions. We ask that you contact Dico to first ascertain whether they are willing to have such discussions, and then we can determine how best to proceed from there. I have listed below the contact information for Dico legal counsel.

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Given the scope of redevelopment activity planned and ongoing in the area around Dico, it may

be beneficial for EPA to meet with you (in advance of any settlement discussions) in order to fully grasp the city's vision for the area. EPA is willing to travel to Des Moines for that purpose. Please let me know if you would like to pursue that.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Mary, Scott-

Thanks for the recent conversation. I am attaching one document to better describe current and proposed activity in the vicinity of the Dico site. This is the current Sherman Associates proposal for the Riverpoint West development, east of the Dico site.

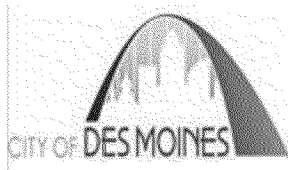
We just concluded a 2 day series of conversations with the various additional entities that are

interested in the redevelopment of the Dico site vicinity. This should allow us to develop expanded visual conceptual scenarios to better describe the other components (athletic stadiums, amphitheater, solar panel fields, etc.) in discussion. We remain very excited about these ideas and on communicating them and other thoughts to the owner.

I have not yet reached out to the owner; was there a contact name that you planned to send? Otherwise I will go back to the environmental engineer, Gazi George, to reach out.

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